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Accountability & Reform (786-7435)

Karen Barrett, Session Staff Coordinator/Analyst - 786-7413

- Regulatory Reform
- Lean Management of State Government Programs and Agencies
- Audits of State Government Programs and Agencies

Sandy Wibbels, Committee Assistant - 786-7491

(Committee Contact)

Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (786-7411)

Diane Smith, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7410

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Anaerobic Digesters
- Agricultural Land
- Agricultural Loan Programs
- Agricultural Pests, Diseases and Chemical Treatment
- Agricultural Products – Production, Sale, and Marketing
- Commodity Commissions
- Dairy nutrient management
- Food Safety
- Food Labeling and Processing
- Legal Issues
- Water Rights/Water quantity
- Rural Economic Development

Bonnie Kim, Staff Counsel - 786-7316

[Also staff of the [Natural Resources & Parks](#) Committee]

Brittany Yunker, Committee Assistant - 786-7407

(Committee Contact)

Commerce & Labor (786-7426)

Susan Jones, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7404

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Consumer Protection
- Professional Licensing
- Labor Trafficking
- Worker Retraining
- Apprenticeship
- Industrial Insurance
- Prevailing Wage
- Unemployment Insurance
- Collective Bargaining

Richard Rodger, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7461

- Construction Trades Licensing and Regulation
- Liquor
- Recreational Marijuana
- Gambling
- Horse Racing
- Worker Privacy and Personnel Practices
- Employment Standards
- Lottery

[Brittany Yunker, Committee Assistant - 786-7407](#)

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Early Learning & K-12 Education (786-7420)

[Susan Mielke, Sr. Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7422](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Basic Education
- High School Graduation Requirements, including Statewide Assessments
- Special Education
- Quality Education Council
- State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education

[Ailey Kato, Staff Counsel - 786-7434](#)

- Early Learning
- Student Health
- Student and Educator Safety
- Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
- Student Discipline

[Alia Kennedy, Staff Counsel - 786-7463](#)

- Collective bargaining for school employees
- Paraeducators
- Teacher preparation and certification
- Teacher and principal evaluations
- Professional Educators Standards Board

[Sandy Jaime, Committee Assistant - 786-7417](#)

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Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (786-7406)

[Jan Odano, Staff Coordinator/Research Analyst - 786-7486](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Air Quality
- Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction
- Solid Waste Management
- Nuclear and Radioactive Waste
- Water Quality

[Kim Cushing, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7421](#)

- Energy Generation and Transmission
- Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Standards
- Telecommunications
- Committee issues as assigned

[Jeff Olsen, Staff Analyst - 786-7428](#)

[Also Staff Coordinator/Research Analyst of the [Trade & Economic Development](#) Committee]

- State Environmental Policy Act
- Product Stewardship
- Shoreline Management Act

[Alison Riffer, Committee Assistant - 786-7430](#)

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Financial Institutions & Insurance (786-7409)

Shani Bauer, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7468

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Payday Lending
- Foreclosures
- Mortgage Brokers
- Mobile Home Parks
- Landlord-Tenant
- Loan Originators
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Banking-shared
- Banking-primary contact
- Credit Ratings and Scoring
- Credit Unions
- Insurance Claims and Fraud
- Public Depositories
- Securities Regulation

Susan Jones, Sr. Staff Counsel- 786-7404

[Also staff of the Commerce & Labor Committee]

- Construction Defects
- Home Owners' and Condo Associations
- Life insurance and Life Settlements
- Homeowners' Insurance, Rates and Forms
- Re-insurance
- Financial Solvency of Insurers
- Market Conduct of Insurers

Angela Kleis, Committee Assistant - 786-7469

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Government Operations & Security (786-7447)

Karen Epps, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7424

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Tribal Relations
- Local Government
- Land Use and Development
- Growth Management Act
- Government Incorporation
- Annexation
- Vesting
- Veterans Affairs
- Military Affairs
- Property Taxes
- Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Sam Brown, Staff Counsel - 786-7470

- Public Records
- Public Disclosure
- Open Public Meetings
- Elections
- Campaign Finance
- Initiatives and Referendums
- Signature Gathering

- Veterans Affairs
- Military Affairs
- Historic Preservation
- Archives

[Alex Kearns, Staff Counsel - 786-7416](#)

- Local Government
- Special Purpose Districts
- Open Public Meetings
- Fire Protection
- Emergency Management
- Information Technology at State Agencies
- Public Contracting Procedures
- Public Works
- Administrative Procedure Act
- Civil Service

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[Health Care \(786-7456\)](#)

[Kathy Buchli, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7488](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Long-Term Care
- Developmental Disabilities
- Drugs and Drug Policy
- Medical marijuana
- Public Health

[Evan Klein, Staff Counsel - 786-7483](#)

[Also staff of the [Higher Education](#) Committee]

- Health Care Professions
- Facility Regulation
- Public Health

[Mich'l Needham, Sr. Research Analyst - 786-7442](#)

- ACA—Federal Health Care Reform
 - Medicaid Expansion
 - Exchange
- Health Care Financing/Insurance—Public and Private

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[Higher Education \(786-7415\)](#)

[Clint McCarthy, Staff Coordinator/Analyst - 786-7319](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Public and Independent Baccalaureate Colleges and Universities
- Public Community and Technical Colleges
- Financial Aid
- Tuition
- Governance

[Evan Klein, Staff Counsel - 786-7483](#)

[Also staff of the [Health Care](#) Committee]

- Campus Safety
- For-Profit Colleges

- Workforce Training
- Private Career Schools
- Faculty
- Veterans Issues

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[Human Services, Mental Health & Housing \(786-7414\)](#)

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- Housing (affordable housing & homelessness)
- Child Welfare/Child Protection
 - Family Assessment Response (FAR)
 - Extended foster care services
 - Legal representation in dependencies
 - Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- Child Care Licensing
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
 - Workfirst
 - Working Connections Child Care
 - SNAP (Food Stamps)
- Disability Lifeline Program (formerly General Assistance)

[Kevin Black, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7747](#)

- Mental Health/Substance Abuse
 - Competency to Stand Trial/Criminal Insanity
 - Involuntary Treatment Act Civil Commitments
 - Regional Support Networks
 - Crisis Diversion
- Offender Reentry Community Safety Program (fka Dangerous Mentally Ill Offender Program)
- Domestic Violence Issues
- Crime victims

[Lindsay Erickson, Staff Counsel - 786-7465](#)

[Also staff of the [Law & Justice](#) Committee]

- Juvenile Justice
- Sex Offenders: Civil commitment
- Truancy

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[Law & Justice \(786-7455\)](#)

[Tim Ford, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7423](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Tort Reform
- General Criminal and Civil
- Guardianship and Probate Issues
- Business Law
- Collection Issues
- Eminent Domain
- Unpiloted Aerial Vehicles

[Melissa Burke-Cain, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7755](#)

- Human Trafficking

- Trusts
- General Civil and Court Related Subject Matter
- Court Administration Issues
- Domestic Violence
- General Criminal
- Laws Relating to Animal Cruelty
- Family Law

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[Also staff of the [Human Services, Mental Health & Housing](#) Committee]

- Corrections
- Sex Offenders

[Aldo Melchiori, Staff Counsel - 786-7439](#)

- DUI
- Motor Vehicle Related Issues
- Firearms
- School-Related Criminal Issues
- New Crimes and Sentencing Changes
- General Criminal Issues
- Collection and Garnishment
- Uniform Laws

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[Natural Resources & Parks \(786-7419\)](#)

[Curt Gavigan, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7437](#)

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- Fish and Wildlife Governance
- Wildlife
- State Lands Management
- Recreation and State Parks

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[Also staff of the [Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development](#) Committee]

- Fisheries
- Forest Health and Fire
- Geology and Surface Mining
- Forestry & Timber

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[Trade & Economic Development \(786-7408\)](#)

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[Also staff of the [Energy, Environment & Telecommunications](#) Committee]

- Economic Development Incentives
- International Trade and Export Assistance
- Infrastructure Development
- Regional Development
- Regulatory Assistance
- Workforce Development
- Technical Assistance to Businesses
- Small Business Assistance

- Tourism

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Transportation (786-7300)

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Budget Assignments

- Utilities and Transportation Commission
- Transportation Commission

Policy Assignments

- Utilities and Transportation Commission
- State and Regional Transportation Governance
- State and Regional Transportation Planning
- Transportation Element of Growth Management Act
- Special Purpose Districts

[David Ward, Budget Coordinator - 786-7341](#)

Budget Assignments

- Treasurer-Bond Retirement and Interest
 - Joint Transportation Committee/Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program/Office of Financial Management

Policy Assignments

- Revenue Forecasts
- Financial Plans/Fund Balances
- Bonds and Other Indebtedness

[Kellee Keegan, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7429](#)

Budget Assignments

- Department of Licensing
- WSP
- Traffic Safety Commission

Policy Assignments

- DOL
 - Drivers
 - Vehicles
- Revenue Forecasts
- Taxes/Fees

[Hayley Gamble, Sr. Fiscal Analyst -786-7452](#)

Budget Assignments

- Washington State Ferries
 - Operating
 - Capital
- DOT–Rail
 - Operating
 - Capital
- DOT–Facilities
 - Operating
 - Capital
- DOT–Aviation
- DOT–Planning, Data, and Research
- DOT–Public Transportation
- Local Programs/Resources

- DOT–Local Programs (Z)
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB)
- Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
- County Road Administration Board (CRAB)

Policy Assignments

- Washington State Ferries
- Rail
- Local Transit Agencies, including Sound Transit
- Board of Pilotage Commissioners

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Budget Assignments

- Budget Bill Coordination
- DOT–Public/Private Partnerships
- State Parks and Recreation
- Archaeology & Historic Preservation
- Department of Agriculture

Policy Assignments

- Traffic Safety/Rules of the Road
- Bicycles
- Motorcycles/Motor Scooters
- Transportation Security Issues (e.g., valid identification and legal presence)
- Initiative/Referendum Issues

[Brian Connell, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7346](#)

Budget Assignments

- Highway Construction Projects
- DOT–Toll Operations
- DOT–Highway Improvements
- DOT–Highway Maintenance
- DOT–Highway Preservation
- DOT–Traffic Operations
- DOT–Information Technology
- DOT–Management
- DOT–Program Management and Support
- Internal Service Activities

Policy Assignments

- Tolls
- Highways
- Environmental Issues

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[Ways & Means \(786-7715\)](#)

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[Michael Bezanson, Operating Budget Coordinator - 786-7449](#)

- Operating Budget Issues

[Richard Ramsey, Capital Budget Coordinator - 786-7412](#)

- Bond Retirement and Interest
- Local Government Assistance
- Municipal Research Council

[Dean Carlson, Revenue Coordinator- 786-7305](#)

- Revenue Policy Issues
- Board of Tax Appeals
- Caseload Forecast Council
- Department of Revenue
- Economic and Revenue Forecast Council
- K-12 Local Levies
- Liquor Control Board

[Brian Sims, Fiscal Coordinator - 786-7431](#)

- Department of Early Learning
- DSHS—Child Support Services
- DSHS—Children and Family Services
- DSHS—Economic Services
- K-12 Capital Issues
- TANF Issues

[Michele Alishahi, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7433](#)

- Central Washington University
- Community and Technical Colleges
- Eastern Washington University
- The Evergreen State College
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Workforce Training and Education Board
- Student Achievement Council

[Mark Eliason, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7454](#)

- DSHS—Administration and Support Services
- DSHS—Developmental Disabilities
- DSHS—Information System Services
- DSHS—Long Term Care
- DSHS—Payments to Other Agencies
- DSHS—Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Services for the Blind
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Life Science Discovery Fund
- School for the Blind
- Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss

[Steve Jones, Sr. Budget Counsel - 786-7440](#)

- Attorney General
- Board for Volunteer Firefighters
- Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
- Department of Retirement Systems
- House of Representatives
- Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
- Joint Legislative Systems Committee
- LEAP Committee
- Office of Financial Management
- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Public Disclosure Commission
- Secretary of State
- Senate

- Special Appropriations to the Governor
- State Actuary
- State Auditor
- State Investment Board
- State Treasurer
- Statute Law Committee
- Sundry Claims

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- Columbia River Gorge Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources
- Environmental and Land Use Hearing Office
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Pollution Liability Insurance Agency
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Recreation and Conservation Office
- State Conservation Commission
- Utilities and Transportation Commission

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- Arts Commission
- Board of Accountancy
- Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals
- Collective Bargaining
- Commission on African-American Affairs
- Commission on Asian-American Affairs
- Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Commission on Judicial Conduct
- Consolidated Technology Services
- Courts
 - Court of Appeals
 - Law Library
 - Office of the Administrator for the Courts
 - Office of Civil Legal Aid
 - Office of Public Defense
 - Supreme Court
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Employment Security
- Department of Enterprise Services
- Department of Financial Institutions
- Department of Labor and Industries
- Department of Licensing (non-transportation portion)
- Eastern Washington Historical Society
- Gambling Commission
- Horse Racing Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Military Department
- Minority and Women's Business Enterprises
- Office of Administrative Hearings
- Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

- Office of Chief Information Officer
- Office on Indian Affairs
- Public Employment Relations Commission
- Washington State Historical Society
- State Lottery Commission

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- Public Schools (K-12 Education)
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Washington State Charter School Commission

[Juliana Roe, Revenue Counsel - 786-7438](#)

- Revenue Policy Issues

[Sandy Stith, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7710](#)

- Employee Compensation/Health Benefits
- Health Benefits Exchange
- Health Care Authority (including administration)
- Insurance Commissioner
- Low Income Health Care (Medicaid)
- PEBB Benefits

[Travis Sugarman, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7446](#)

- Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Department of Corrections
- DSHS—Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- DSHS—Juvenile Rehabilitation
- DSHS—Mental Health
- DSHS—Special Commitment Center
- Forensics Investigation Council
- Justice Assistance Grant (formerly Byrne Grant)
- State Patrol (non-transportation portion)

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